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For : INFORMATION STORAGE METHOD, INFORMATION STORAGE DEVICE AND  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	37	Minus	43 =	0 x	\$18(9)	= \$0
Independent claims	4	Minus	4 =	0 x	\$86(43)	= \$0
			Total additional fee for this amendment			= \$0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290 (\$145) has been previously paid \_\_, or is paid herewith \_\_.  
☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.  
☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_.00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims and ☐ -month petition for extension of time.  
☐ Charge \$\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.  
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